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REMARKS

Status of the Claims

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, and 18-21 are pending in the present application. Claims 2 and 6-17 were previously canceled. Claim 20 is withdrawn as directed to a non-elected invention. Claims 4 and 18 are amended to define particular aspects of the invention. Support for new claims 4 and 18 is found throughout the instant application, including, e.g., in pending claims 1 and 2. No new matter is entered by way of the amendment. Entry of the supplemental amendment is respectfully requested.

Further to the response filed on June 8, 2009, Applicants submit herewith a further amendment. As noted above, claims 4 and 18 are amended to define particular aspects of the invention. Claims 4 and 18 are redrafted in independent form and incorporate elements (a) and (b) from previously pending claim 1 and elements (c) and (d) from previously pending claim 2. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

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CONCLUSION

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact L. Parker (Reg. No. 46,046) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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